

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7, 10-18, 20, 23, and 24 have been rejected as anticipated by Misner, US 2002/0164943. Claims 6, 8, 9, 19, 21, and 22 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 6 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended to add the limitations of claim 6. Claim 1, as well as claims 2-5 and 7-12 which depend from claim 1, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 13 has been amended to add the limitations of claim 19. Claim 13, as well as claims 14-18 and 20-24 which depend from claim 13, are in condition for allowance.

New claim 25 recites a base having a peripheral portion, a central portion, and a support portion (138) interposed between the peripheral portion and the central portion, the support portion (138) defining inner (142) and outer (144) flow openings extending through the base (Fig. 7); and a plurality of flaps for closing the inner and outer flow openings (142, 144) of the base, each flap having an outer end connected with the peripheral portion of the base and an inner end that is movable relative to the peripheral portion and the other flaps for enabling airflow through the inner and outer flow openings (142, 144), each flap having opposite surfaces against which air pressure acts, differential air pressure acting on the opposite surfaces causing the flap to move to enable airflow through the inner and outer flow openings (142,

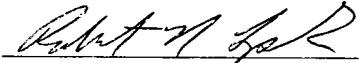
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144). Misner and the other art of record do not disclose a pressure relief valve with these features. Claim 25 is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,


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